

Reverend Twichell is coming
down from Hartford, & I ~~have~~
will send him a word of welcome right now:
~~have something to say~~

(Solid)

[I am glad, Joe — uncommonly
glad — for you will tell me about
the "new movement" up your
way which your clergy have
been importing from Boston.
Something of it has reached me,
& has filled me to the eyelids with
movement laughter. You will
tell me if my understanding of
the New Movement is correct:
Solid to-wit, that it is just Christian
Science, with some of the ear-
marks painted over & the others
removed, after the fashion of the
unmounted cattle-thicket of the
wild, wild West. My word, how
ecclesiastical history do repeat

herself! The Jews steal a God + a Creation + a Flood + a Moral Code from Babylon; Egypt steals the life from a forgotten Antiquity; Greece steals the swag from Egypt; Rome steals it from Greece; Christianity comes belated along + steals morals + miracles + one thing + another from Bush + Confucius; Christian Science arrives + steals the Christian outfit + gives it a new name; + now at last comes the Boston puritan - water of Christian Science - + steals the plunder anew, + re-baptises it, + shouts tearful + grateful glory to God for winning at the mulch + not letting on - according to His shady custom these thirty million years.

Oh yes, I am aware that the Science was emptying New England's churches, + that

The wise recognized that something had got to be done or the Church must go out of business & put up its pulpits at auction; I am aware that the peril was forestalled, & how; I am aware that Christian Science, disguised & new-named, has arrived in Hartford & is being preached & thankfully welcomed — where? In the most fitting of all places: the Theological Factory, which was largely built out of stolen money. Money stolen from me by that precious Christian, Newton Case, & his pals of the American Publishing Company.

Oh, dear Joe, why doesn't somebody write a tract on "How To ~~Be~~ a Christian & yet Keep your Hands off of Other People's Things." #